

**State Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes**

The Stafford Clinic of the Rappahannock Area CSB
Large Conference Room
15 Hope Road
Stafford, Virginia, 22554
Friday, July 14, 2006

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING

8:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Marsh, Chairperson
Angela Brosnan, Vice-Chairperson
Delores Archer
Joyce Bozeman
Kirby Wright

HUMAN RIGHTS STAFF PRESENT

Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director
Kli Kinzie, Executive Secretary
Charles T. Collins, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region I
Deborah Lochart, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region II

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Branscome, Executive Director, Rappahannock Area CSB
Jim Gillespie, Community Support Director, The Stafford Clinic
Susan Graves, Assistant Director, Rappahannock Adult Activities, Inc.

Dr. Michael Marsh, Chairperson, opened the administrative session of the State Human Rights Committee.

Margaret Walsh, State Human Rights Director, presented the draft SHRC Annual Report. Committee members made suggestions and corrections to the document. Ms. Walsh will add a statement regarding the low number of appeals heard last year because the system has been very responsive to consumers' concerns and many complaints were resolved on the local level. The report will be presented during the August State MHMRSAS Board meeting in Blacksburg.

Ms. Walsh will ask Commissioner Reinhard to write an article on recovery and rights for the next issue of *Human Writes*.

A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering recommendations for appointment to the State Human Rights Committee.

Upon reconvening in open session, the SHRC certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

Charles T. Collins, Regional Human Rights Advocate, Region I, spoke about the responsibilities of the Regional Advocates and praised Deborah Lochart for her hard work and dedication to consumers of the DMHMRSAS system. Ms. Lochart was recently promoted from her position as Facility Advocate at Northern Virginia Training Center to Regional Advocate for Northern Virginia.

Deborah Lochart talked to the SHRC about the activities of a group of Local Human Rights Committee members who came together as representatives of various LHRCs in Northern Virginia. The group was formed in order to share ideas among LHRCs regarding good practices for running meetings and fulfilling the myriad responsibilities of LHRCs. Ms. Lochart reported that they feel they are being supported by the SHRC in coming together and the energy of the group is wonderful. All but one Northern Virginia LHRC have been represented in their meetings. Members of the group feel strongly that the meetings have helped individual LHRCs in the running of their meetings. They are in the process of creating a name for the group.

Ron Branscome, Executive Director of Rappahannock Area CSB, gave a description of the services provided by The Stafford Clinic and the population served.

Ron Branscome, Jim Gillespie, Community Support Director for The Stafford Clinic, and Susan Graves, Assistant Director, Rappahannock Adult Activities, Inc., provided a tour of the Stafford Clinic.

10:00 a.m. Break

REGULAR MEETING

10:15 a.m.

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PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Anne Stiles, Facility Human Rights Advocate, Piedmont Geriatric Hospital and Virginia
Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation
Eric Alridge, Director of Operations, Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation
Cheryl Crawford, Administrative Services Coordinator, VCBR

Welcome / Call to Order

The July 14, 2006, meeting of the State Human Rights Committee was called to order by Dr. R. Michael Marsh, Chairperson. Dr. Marsh asked committee members and human rights staff to introduce themselves for those present.

Jim Gillespie, Community Support Director for The Stafford Clinic welcomed the committee to the facility.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 9, 2006, State Human Rights Committee meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

Public Comment Period 10:30 To 10:45

Dr. Marsh announced the public comment period and invited individuals to come forward to address the committee. There being no individuals from the public who wished to speak, the committee continued its regular business.

Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation

Monthly Reports for March, April, May 2006

The SHRC accepted the March, April and May, 2006, Monthly Advocate Reports for the file.

Policies

Anne Stiles, Facility Human Rights Advocate for VCBR, Eric Alridge, Director of Operations for VCBR, and Cheryl Crawford, Administrative Services Coordinator for VCBR, were present via telephone to answer questions regarding the VCBR policies Resident Fund Accounts, and Resident Use of Periodicals. The phone connection was poor and resulted in an abbreviated review and discussion. Following the termination of the phone call members of the SHRC had additional questions about the Resident Fund Accounts policy.

Margaret Walsh will draft a letter concerning the Resident Fund Accounts policy for C.C. Murphy, Director of VCBR, to go out under Dr. Michael Marsh's signature. The Resident Fund Accounts policy was not approved pending the SHRC receiving a response to the letter.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the VCBR policy Resident Use of Periodicals.

Variance Reports

Bethany Hall

Charles T. Collins, Regional Human Rights Advocate for Region I, presented the variance report from Bethany Hall on behalf of Nancy C. Neese, Regional Advocate for Region III. The report addresses the programs variance to 12 VAC 35-115-50, E5, Dignity. Mr. Collins reported that Ms. Neese has clarified the list of incidents provided by Bethany Hall.

The State Human Rights Committee accepted Bethany Hall's continued use of variance to 12 VAC 35-115-50, E5.

Barry Robinson Center

Charles T. Collins presented the Structured Living policy for Barry Robinson Center on behalf of Reginald T. Daye, Regional Advocate for Region V.

The State Human Rights Committee accepted the continued use of the Structured Living Policy for Barry Robinson Center.

LHRC and SHRC Membership

A motion was made and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering appointments to Local Human Rights Committees and the State Human Rights Committee.

Upon reconvening in open session, the State Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

The motion was made and unanimously passed to appoint the following applicants to the specified local human rights committees.

Northern Va Mental Health Hospitals LHRC

Appoint:

Ms. Flora Fenchel

Southwestern Virginia Training Center LHRC

Reappoint:

Mr. Don Lyons

Southside Virginia Training Center

Appoint:

Mr. James Pulliam

Crater LHRC

Reappoint:

Mrs. Carol Gittman

Appoint:

Ms. Joseph P. Dickens

Petersburg Regional LHRC

Reappoint:

Ms. Betty Smooth

Dr. LeAnn Binger

Goochland-Powhatan LHRC

Reappoint:

Ms. Elizabeth B. Middleton

Ms. Joan W. Doss

Ms. Eulease O. Cypress

Portsmouth Regional LHRC

Appoint:

Mr. Alvin Holloway

Ms. Darlene H. Williams

Eastern Virginia LHRC

Appoint:

Mr. George F. Amory

Piedmont Community Services LHRC

Appoint:

Ms. Sharon Leftwich

Piedmont Geriatric Hospital LHRC

Reappoint:

Mr. David O. Nelms

Ms. Margie Nevins

A motion was made and passed with one abstention to make the following appointment.

Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute LHRC

Appoint:

Ms. Thelma Wright

A motion was made and unanimously passed to recommend the State MHMRSAS Board appoint Ms. Christina Delzingaro to the State Human Rights Committee.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Michael Marsh". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

R. Michael Marsh, M.S.W., M.P.A., Ph.D.,
Chairperson